



**Staffordshire and
Stoke-on-Trent**
Integrated Care Board

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Dear

FOI-0124-683

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for the ICB to review the response sent on the 18th January 2024 in respect of your FOI request of the 16th January 2024 regarding question one below which you have advised should read:

- 1. The number of doctors currently registered on your procurement / purchasing system, rather than the number of doctors eligible to undertake MHA assessments.**

We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can confirm that the original response to question one has been changed as below:

An anonymised copy of this response will be made publicly available on the ICB website.

We are in the process of mobilising a payment system and registering doctors for this, but this is not available yet. Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit may hold this information 2023, therefore your request should be sent to:

Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit
NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit
(midlandsandlancashirecsu.nhs.uk)

Please note no other changes have been made to our original response of the 18th January 2024.

2. Do you hold a contract with any of these doctors/companies for undertaking a set number of MHA assessments (as opposed to spot payments for each assessment undertaken)?

No.

3. Do you capture the total number of assessments as opposed to number of claims (as one assessment may give rise to claims from two doctors)? If so, what was the total number of assessments in 2022 and what was the total number of assessments in 2023?

No.

4. How many claims for payment for MHA assessments were *received* from doctors relating to assessments undertaken in 2022?

This information is not held by the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB. Your request should be redirected to the following:

Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit
[NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit](https://midlandsandlancashirecsu.nhs.uk)
[\(midlandsandlancashirecsu.nhs.uk\)](https://midlandsandlancashirecsu.nhs.uk)

5. If different, how many claims for MHA assessments were *paid* to doctors for assessments undertaken in 2022?

Number of MHA claims paid in 2022: 3667.

6. How many claims for payment for MHA assessments were *received* from doctors relating to assessments undertaken in 2023?

Please see response to question four above.

7. If different, how many claims for MHA assessments were *paid* to doctors for assessments undertaken in 2023?

Number of MHA claims paid in 2023: 3460.

8. Do you make use of the s12 app? If so, approximately what % of doctors' claims are made through this app?

The ICB has implemented the app from January 2024 so no information is available yet.

9. In 2023 what was the number of claims made in relation to patients who are registered with a GP in your geography but were assessed within the boundaries of another ICB (out of area patients)?

Please see response to question four above.

In 2023 what was the number of claims made in relation to patients registered with a GP within the boundaries of another ICB but currently located within your geography (assessments undertaken under reciprocal arrangements)?

Please see response to question four above.

10. Where doctors undertake MHA assessments what is the standard fee (in 2023) you pay them?

£173.37

Do you make payment to the doctor where an assessment cannot be completed (but the doctor attends the arranged location)? (if so, is this at the same rate?)

Yes – 25% of the standard fee.

11. Do you make payment for mileage incurred to undertake assessments? If so, what is the rate (in 2023)?

Yes – 59 pence per mile for the first 3,500 miles per year and 24 pence per mile thereafter.

12. Is the same mileage rate paid to doctors under contract (if you have any) as for ad hoc assessments?

Not Applicable.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board FOI team by emailing the team at StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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